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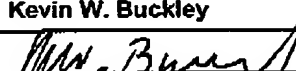
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- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.
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- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated 09/23/05 by three month(s) for a fee of \$1,020.00 so that the period for response is extended to March 23, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.
- b. ☒ The enclosed credit card payment form to charge the amount of \$1810.00 to cover the RCE fee and three month extension fee.
- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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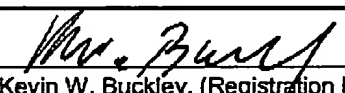
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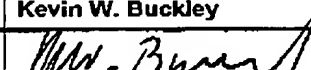
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